1	2	3	4
Manipur	2.77	2.68	2.76
Madhya Pradesh	19.11	14.19	25.49
Mizoram	—	11.11	0.90
Nagaland	5.00	—	5.78
Orissa	29.13	13.00	8.76
Punjab	2.91	—	3.15
Rajasthan	22.83	27.98	37.10
Sikkim	3.30	1.80	2.43
Tamilnadu	56.32	68.21	72.79
Tripura	--	0.38	—
Uttar Pradesh	25.09	22.06	17.77
West Bengal	14.49	7.88	19.33
Andaman Nicobar	—	—	—
Total	402.97	437.10	587.39

Calicut-Delhi Flights

232. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are planning to operate flights from calicut to Delhi directly;

(b) if so, the details therof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to aircraft capacity constraints and low traffic potential, Indian Airlines has, at present, no plans to operate direct flights from calicut to Delhi. However, convenient connections have been provided for the passengers desirous of travelling between Calicut and Delhi *via* Mumbai daily.

[Translation]

Development of Jamalpur Railway Workshop

233. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sum of Rs.63 crores were allocated for the development of Jamalpur factory under Eastern Railway which had been reduced to Rs.8 crore and out of that only 5 per cent have been spent so far as a result of which developmental activities have come to a standstill ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to wind up the Jamalpur Railway factory gradually as the number of workers has been reduced from 29 thousand to 11 thousand;

(d) whether the number of first class and special class apprentices are on decline in spite of Jamalpur Technical Institute having all facilities like research laboratory of high standard, best hostel facilities, good building and instructors; and

(e) whether in view of the above Government propose to develop this factory and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir . The cost of work has been reduced to Rs.9.63 Crs. due to change in the scope of the work. An expenditure of Rs.1.07 Crs. has been incurred upto August'97.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The annual intake of Aprentice Machanics and Special Class Apprentices in the Railway Institute at Jamalpur is based on the requirement of Mechanical Supervisors (for Eastern Railway) and Mechanical Officers (for Indian Railways) respectively.

The training facilities at the Institute are also utilised for in-house training of Officers, Supervisors and other running and maintenance staff of Indian Railways.

(e) Yes, Sir. The Plans and Estimates of the work have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.9.63 Crores and the work is in full swing.

[English]

Diversion of Flight at Calicut

234. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of diversion of flights at Calicut Airport during the Monsoons in the past three years;